Title : Need to release adequate funds for Orissa under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojna.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was launched in the year 2000-01 with an objective to provide all weather connectivity to unconnected habitations. Orissa as you know is one of the poorest states in the country with a vast mineral deposit base and a long coast line, but due to lack of proper infrastructure the progress is being hampered. One of most neglected in the road network sector, Phase-III of the scheme was approved in the year 2003-04. The total allocation sanctioned for the State was Rs. 440.92 crores, however only 350 crores has been released till date. The Phase-IV scheme was approved in March − 2005 for State and total 398.72 crores were sanctioned, however till date only 97.75 crores has been released, All the works of Phase-III & IV are in progress, so it is requested to release the balance funds for smooth execution of the projects.

Then lastly Phase V and ADB assisted PMGSY was approved in August, 2005 for Orissa for Rs. 880.42 crores but necessary funds have not been released as decided.

I, therefore, request the Government to allocate the committed funds for the poor state of Orissa at the earliest.